

Maryland SICC

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SICC General Joint Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Thursday, November 1, 2012 — 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Brenda Hussey-Gardner Ph.D., *Chair*; Debbie Badawi, *M.D* Margaret "Mike" Berman; Paula Boykin; Carolyn Fiume; Curtisha Hopkins; Elizabeth Kelley; Rachel London; Linda Ramsey; Amy Nicholas, Ph.D.; Erin Stauder

Excused: William Cohee; Delegate Guy J. Guzzone; Miji Kim; Brenda Wilson;

Guests: Natasha Fields, *Montgomery County IT*; Karen Larenas, *Prince George's I&T Provider and Parent*; Abila Tazanu-Legall, M.D., *Executive Director, The One World Center for Autism and Parent*; Lori Tolen, *Care Resources*; Mary Leppert, *Kennedy Krieger*; Monica Grant, *Frederick County ITP*; Monica Ortiz, *Family Services, Inc.*; Marjorie Shulbank, *MSDE*; Abila Tyler, M.D.; Mary Ann Swan, *MSD*

Staff: Marcella Franczkowski; Thomas Stengel; Nancy Vorobey; Dan Szczepaniak

Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions

Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner welcomed all members and guests. The SICC is piloting conducting a virtual meeting. It is important for everyone to announce their name prior to the engaging in discussions.

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7th

- A. Minutes were distributed via packet for approval/edits.
- B. One spelling error was corrected.

III. Announcements and Public Comment

- A. Announcements – None
- B. Public Comment – None

IV. SICC Report

- A. Chairperson's Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

- C. State Agencies – Have 4 spots filled
 - 1. Nomination of 3 additional members:
 - a) Monica Ortiz
 - b) Laura Barbee Mathews
 - c) George Failla, Jr., Esq.
 - 2. Still have a vacancies in Foster Care and another state agency.

VI. ECIE Updates: Thomas Stengel & Nancy Vorobey

- A. Part C Regulations Update
 - 1. The Department received permission from the Board to publish the proposed regulations on the Maryland Register from January 11, 2013 to March 11, 2013.
 - a) During that period, there will be 5 public meetings for public comment.
 - 2. First, the proposed regulations must go through state committees to look at fiscal impact.
 - 3. The department will consider any proposed changes to the regulations prior to publication of the final regulations.
 - 4. The new federal regulations went into effect on July 1, 2012.
 - 5. Several changes to COMAR were mentioned
 - a) Separated COMAR into 2 chapters.
 - b) Added “continuous” with regard to services to indicate that services are to be provided on a continuous-year round basis.
 - c) Added the ability for local ITPs to conduct screenings
 - d) Added an ending age to the Extended IFSP Option. Children will be eligibility until the beginning of the school year following the child’s fourth birthday.
- B. Age Adjustment Update
 - 1. Dr. Hussey-Gardner gave an update of the adjusting age activities that have been conducted to date, including implementation of an Adjusting Age Task Force, investigation into the number of children born prematurely at each NICU in Maryland, and investigation into the potential fiscal impact of age adjusting.
- C. Preschool Strategic Plan
 - 1. Nancy Vorobey said that the Preschool Strategic Plan would be discussed during Marcella’s presentation.
- D. Building Bridges
 - 1. Nancy Vorobey discussed the Building Bridges grant.
 - a) The Grant is a discretionary grant designed to support local infrastructure change.
 - b) Provided to 7 jurisdictions this year.
- E. Child Outcomes
 - 1. Nancy Vorobey reported that the state met 5 of 6 targets for preschool child outcomes. Tom Stengel reported that the ITP child outcomes data were not yet

6. Marcella presented both state and local determination results from FFY2005 to FFY2010.
7. Marcella discussed the changes to MSDE monitoring
 - a) Birth-21 Monitoring for Continuous Improvement and Results (MCIR)
 - b) A new data system will be developed in collaboration with Mid South Regional Resource Center
 - c) The Part B Self-Assessment will be retired and the comprehensive review cycle will be changed to 4 years.
 - d) Division staff has created a new Record Review document that includes Part C

VIII. Dr. Hussey Gardner adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.